

## REMARKS

Of the 101 claims currently in thus application independent Claims 41 and 45 have been indicated to be allowable. These claims, and the claims dependent therefrom, remain in the application. All the remaining claims, subject to rejection and/or objection or withdrawn from consideration, have been cancelled.

It is emphasized that applicants' cancellation of Claims 1 to 40 and 49 to 110 is made without prejudice. That is, applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional and/or continuation applications directed to the claims rejected or objected to or withdrawn from consideration pursuant to a restriction requirement. Applicants emphasize that the cancellation of claims does not signify their agreement with the soundness of the grounds of rejection and/or objection imposed in the outstanding Official Action.

Claims 42 to 44, claims each dependent from allowed independent Claim 41, stand objected to for including the indefinite article "A" in their preamble. The Official Action argues the definite article --The-- should be employed in its place. A similar objection is lodged against Claims 46 to 48, which each depend from allowed independent Claim 45.

Although applicants are of the belief that the term "A" is proper and provides requisite antecedent basis, which is presumably the basis of the objection, they have, in a spirit of cooperation, amended the claims in accordance with the Examiner's request. They emphasize that this change is purely ministerial and has not been made to place these claims in condition for allowance. Neither does this amendment affect the scope of any of these claims. These claims are submitted to be allowable with or without the instant amendment.

The above amendment and remarks establish the patentable nature of all the claims currently in this application. Notice of Allowance and passage to issue of these claims, Claims 41-48, is therefore respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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